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1 - Sinkhole bill curbing salt dome storage caverns near manmade disasters fails in Louisiana Senate, NOLA, 5/7/13

http://www.nola.com/politics/index.ssf/2013/05/bill_curbing.html

Legislation that would have barred permits for hydrocarbon storage in state-owned bodies of water near manmade disasters failed on the Senate floor Tuesday.

2 - Sinkhole burps again, site work remains halted, BRADV, 5/7/13

<http://theadvocate.com/news/5913363-123/sinkhole-burps-again-site-work>

The Assumption Parish sinkhole near the Bayou Corne community produced one of its periodic burps early Tuesday after several days of increased seismic activity suggested another might be coming, parish officials said

3 - Construction is to begin on permanent gate, pump structures on New Orleans drainage canals, NOLA, 5/7/13

http://www.nola.com/environment/index.ssf/2013/05/army_corps_of_engineers_clears.html#incart_river

The Army Corps of Engineers has approved the start of construction of the \$614.8 million permanent canal closures and pump stations at the mouths of the 17th Street, Orleans Avenue and London Avenue canals in New Orleans, after no objections were filed to the corps' April 17 award of the construction contract to PCCP Constructors.

4 - Disappearing Dilbit: How Much Oil Was Released in 2010 Pipeline Spill?, Bloomberg, 5/7/13

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2013-05-07/disappearing-dilbit-how-much-oil-was-released-in-2010-pipeline-spill-.html>

A key piece of data related to the biggest tar sands oil spill in U.S. history has disappeared from the Environmental Protection Agency's website, adding to confusion about the size of the spill and possibly reducing the fine that the company responsible for the accident would be required to pay.

5 - Authorities rule out some potential causes of Texas blast, CNN, 5/7/13

<http://www.cnn.com/2013/05/06/us/texas-explosion>

Investigators have ruled out four potential causes for the fire that led to an explosion at a fertilizer distribution facility in West, Texas, the state fire marshal's office said Monday in a statement.

6 - Lawsuits filed against West Fertilizer. KXAN, 5/7/13

<http://www.kxan.com/dpp/news/texas/lawsuits-filed-against-west-fertilizer>

Two lawsuits accusing the owner of West Fertilizer Co. of negligence have been filed in connection with the explosion that killed at least 14 people in the small town north of Waco.

7 - Climate Change: States 'Coerced' to Add Greenhouse Gases To Implementation Plans, Texas Tells Court, BNA, 5/8/13

[http://esweb.bna.com/eslw/1245/split_display.adp?](http://esweb.bna.com/eslw/1245/split_display.adp?fedfid=31006795&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0d8h6r7w6&split=0)

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An Environmental Protection Agency rule issued in 2010 giving several states 21 days to revise their air pollution plans to include greenhouse gases or be subject to a federal plan is "coercive" and should be vacated, an attorney for Texas told a federal appellate court May 7 (Texas v. EPA, D.C. Cir., No. 10-1425, oral arguments 5/7/13; Utility Air Regulatory Group v. EPA, D.C. Cir., No. 11-1037, oral arguments 5/7/13).

8 - EPA to study fracking water use at the local level, EENEWS, 5/8/13

<http://www.eenews.net/energywire/2013/05/08/3>

U.S. EPA researchers looking at hydraulic fracturing's effect on water supplies say they plan to examine it more at the local level than from a national perspective.

9 - API asserts EPA gasoline rule will raise costs, CO2 emissions, EENEWS, 5/8/13

<http://www.eenews.net/climatewire/2013/05/08/4>

The oil and gas industry launched a new complaint yesterday against U.S. EPA's proposed regulation to reduce the sulfur content of gasoline fuel by two-thirds. In a letter sent to the agency, the American Petroleum Institute (API) argued for greater transparency regarding the controversial "Tier 3" rule.

10 - Facing Hurdles, Backers Step Up Push To Maintain SRF Funds In FY14 , Inside EPA, 5/7/13

<http://insideepa.com/201305072433580/EPA-Daily-News/Daily-News/facing-hurdles-backers-step-up-push-to-maintain-srf-funds-in-fy14/menu-id-95.html>

Congressional and other supporters of EPA's water infrastructure loan programs are urging appropriators to maintain level funding for the programs in fiscal year 2014, and prevent rescissions of unobligated funds, after EPA proposed cutting the funds and a key appropriator downplayed the relative benefits of the funding increase being sought.